

U. S. Soldiers Home (Old Soldiers Home),  
Scott Building (Sherman Building, South)  
Entrance at Rock Creek Church Road  
and Upshur Street, NW  
Washington  
District of Columbia

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ARCHITECTURAL DATA FORM

STATE District of Columbia		COUNTY	TOWN OR VICINITY Washington
HISTORIC NAME OF STRUCTURE (INCLUDE SOURCE FOR NAME) U. S. Soldiers Home, Scott Building (Sherman Building, South)			HABS NO. DC-353-C
SECONDARY OR COMMON NAMES OF STRUCTURE Old Soldiers Home, Scott Building (Sherman Building, South)			
COMPLETE ADDRESS (DESCRIBE LOCATION FOR RURAL SITES) Entrance at Rock Creek Church Road and Upshur Street, NW			
DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE SOURCE) 1852-1857		ARCHITECT(S) (INCLUDE SOURCE) Lt. Barton S. Alexander	
SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL, INCLUDE ORIGINAL USE OF STRUCTURE) Soldiers Home established by Congress in 1851. Scott Building was the first major building constructed. Originally housed residents and administrative offices.			
STYLE (IF APPROPRIATE)			
MATERIAL OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE STRUCTURAL SYSTEMS) Vermont marble			
SHAPE AND DIMENSIONS OF STRUCTURE (SKETCHED FLOOR PLANS ON SEPARATE PAGES ARE ACCEPTABLE) Originally 2½-stories; now 3-stories; central clock tower; attached by an annex to the Sherman Building, North (completed 1891 with similar architectural details)			
EXTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE Original mansard roof changed to present hipped roof; crenelated parapet; brick corbeling and corner turrets; original mansard tower roof changed to present open arcade with turreted corners			
INTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE (DESCRIBE FLOOR PLANS, IF NOT SKETCHED)			
MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS WITH DATES 1869: original mansard roofs on main building and tower altered; building raised from 2½ to 3 stories			
PRESENT CONDITION AND USE Condition in 1975 appeared good.			
OTHER INFORMATION AS APPROPRIATE			
SOURCES OF INFORMATION (INCLUDING LISTING ON NATIONAL REGISTER, STATE REGISTERS, ETC.) Schwartz, Nancy B. <u>Historic American Buildings Survey District of Columbia Catalog, 1974.</u> Listed as National Historic Landmark.			
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